

To: ASI Board of Directors

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Subject: December 2021 & January 2022 Board Report

General Information

Office Hours (Fall 2021):

Monday: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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A Special Note to Our Hornets

Hello Hornets,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful and rejuvenating winter break and a wonderful holiday season. I am sure that all of you are as glad as I am to finally be back on campus as we try to return back to the normalcy that we knew pre-covid whilst taking care of ourselves and those around us. I know that this transition can be daunting, and it must be the first time that many of you are experiencing taking classes in person. This is a reminder that there are numerous resources available on campus to help you through this process, be it academically, mentally, emotionally, professionally, physically such as the Peer Academic & Resource Centre (PARC), the Well, the First Year Experience (FYE Space) and of course ASI to name a few!

As always, I highly encourage you all to attend our weekly board meetings (held in the Green & Gold Room in the University Union) where you can ask questions and voice any concerns you may have to the ASI Board of Directors. Wishing all of you a successful semester and a great year ahead!

Best Wishes,
Isha Bindal

Internal Committee Updates

Student Wellness, Safety and Sexual Assault Awareness Committee

Had the last meeting for the Fall semester on December 10 where we discussed what we had accomplished in the Fall semester and brain stormed ideas for the Spring semester. First meeting for the Spring semester was held on February 4 where we talked about organizing a Ted Talk on campus on sexual assault prevention, collaborations with WEAVE and UNIQUE programs and tabling ideas for this semester.

University Committee Updates

Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Centre Planning Committee

Last meeting for the Fall semester was on November 2, no further updates. First meeting for the Spring semester is scheduled for February 7.

Grade Appeals Panel

Had our final meeting for the Fall semester on November 4th, and all appeal cases for the semester were resolved. Still awaiting meeting details for the Spring semester.

Strategic Priority Updates

ASI board of Directors voted on 2021-2022 Strategic Priorities on September 15, and I have been appointed to the following priorities:

1.1.3 Promote Alumni Center & Alumni Associations initiatives on social media

~ Shared promotional posts on Instagram.

1.2.1 Host at least (2) two academic specific events

~ Academic event for Fall semester took place on December 2nd.

1.3.1 Promote internship, job & volunteer opportunities on social media

~ Shared promotional posts on Instagram.

1.3.2 Collaborate with campus partners to support their efforts with internship and volunteer opportunities

~ Held meeting with Career Centre for December 2nd to determine best form of support.

2.1.2 Promote financial resources through social media and marketing

~ Shared resources and scholarship opportunities on Instagram.

2.2.1 Advocate for student wellness regarding COVID-19

~ Encouraged following COVID-19 safety guidelines and promoted different health resources available to students on Instagram.

3.2.1 Advocate for culturally competent & diverse mental health counsellors

~ Held meeting with Ronald Lutz (Director of Counselling) on November 5th to determine

the feasibility of diverse counsellor hiring. Waiting for a response for a follow-up meeting and a meet and greet with SHCS counsellors to further determine an advocacy plan.

3.4.2 Explore, with campus partners, the establishment of healing circles

~ Held meeting with Katherine Betts (Bias Response Director), Dr. Tina Jordan (Director of Peer and Academic Resource Center and Guardian Scholars Program) on November 19th to advocate for regular healing circles on campus in the Spring.

4.1.2 Promote ASI positional accounts

~ Shared posts from all different ASI accounts on Instagram.
Gained 250 new followers.
Took over Sac State ASI official Instagram account on November 17th.

4.4.1 Increase student engagement with CSSA through their meetings and initiatives

~ Attended CSSA plenary for three hours on 6th November

5.1.1 Share Food Pantry & Free Groceries Pop Up information

~ Made a promotional reel for the ASI pop up pantry and shared the ASI food pantry and grocery pop up information on Instagram.

5.1.2 Support CARES office on housing initiatives

5.1.3 Work with campus administration to advocate for State Basic Needs and mental health funding allocation.

~ Held meeting to discuss the allocation of State Mental Health and Basic Needs funds with multiple campus representatives which was followed up with a detailed allocation plan presentation by SHCS at the ASI Board Meeting on December 1st.

5.1.4 Promote and advocate for initiatives to bridge the digital divide

~ Shared promotional posts about the Hornet Laptop Discount Program on Instagram.

Office Hours

Office hours are held in Room 3250, Government Office, 3rd Floor University Union. Office hours are posted on [ASI Website](#).

List activities that took place during your office hours, below

- Replied to all ASI related emails.
- Held meetings to plan out details for upcoming events.
- Met with other directors to develop an action plan for fulfilling strategic priorities.

Meetings, Events, & Presentations

List the events, presentations, and meetings you attended, below.

ASI Meetings

November 2021

24 ASI Board Meeting

- 29 Director of Business, Undeclared Students & Graduate Studies Kick Off Event
- 30 NSM Joint Council Kick Off Event

December 2021

- 1 SSIS Joint Council Kick Off Event
- 1 ASI Board Meeting
- 2 Academic Success Panel
- 2 Career Center Meeting
- 3 Meeting with Dean of NSM, Dr. Lisa Hammersley
- 8 ASI Board Meeting
- 10 Meeting with Associate Dean of NSM, Dr. Yinfa Ma
- 10 Arts & Letters Director Kick Off Event
- 10 Student Wellness, Safety and Sexual Assault Awareness Committee Meeting
- 17 Convocation Steering Committee Meeting

January 2022

- 7 Convocation Steering Committee Meeting
- 14 Convocation Steering Committee Meeting
- 19 Convocation Information Session
- 21 University President's Spring Address
- 21 ASI Special Board Meeting
- 21 Identity Workshop
- 21 ASI Mid-Year Retreat
- 21 Convocation Steering Committee Meeting
- 24 Meeting with Associate Dean of NSM, Dr. Yinfa Ma
- 27 Meeting with ASI President and EVP
- 28 Convocation Steering Committee Meeting
- 31 Meeting with Associate Dean of NSM, Dr. Yinfa Ma

February 2022

- 2 Meeting with Associate Dean of NSM, Dr. Yinfa Ma
- 2 ASI Board Meeting
- 4 Student Wellness, Safety and Sexual Assault Awareness Committee Meeting
- 4 Convocation Steering Committee Meeting
- 4 Meeting with Associate Dean of NSM, Dr. Yinfa Ma
- 4 Meeting with Dean of NSM, Dr. Lisa Hammersley

Campus Events

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- 30 NSM Joint Council Kick Off Event

December 2021

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- 2 Academic Success Panel

10 Arts & Letters Director Kick Off Event

Classroom Presentations

11/30/2021 English 20-41
12/01/2021 SSIS Joint Council Kick Off Event
12/02/2021 Chemistry 1B-08
12/02/2021 Chemistry Club
12/02/2021 Academic Success Panel Event
12/10/2021 Arts & Letters Director Kick Off Event

NSM Academic Council

Update from my designee Kacey Sozzi - This past month the Academic Council chose faculty and students to serve on the search committee for the Associate Dean for Student Success position, which I am also a part of. There was also discussion surrounding the planning of the NSM fest event scheduled to be held in Spring. There was an update on increased advising for students on picking classes keeping in mind the reserved seats due to the Hornet Launch program.

NSM Joint Council

The NSM Joint Council has officially been re-established, and the NSM Joint Council Kick Off event was successfully held on November 30th 2021.

In collaboration with the college of NSM, we will be hosting an Undergraduate Research Panel on February 11th 2022.

We will be holding our first meeting in person within the next month.